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REPUBLICANS MAY CONTINUE EFFORTS FOR EXTRA SESSION

**Insist Congress Should Be
on Hand for Event-
ualities.**

**DEMOCRATS HOPE TO FIND
WAY TO END DIFFICULTIES**

Legislative Body Enters on Final
Week With Extraordinary
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ATTACKS WASTE IN CITY GOVERNMENT

Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan Urges
Survey as First Step
to Reform.

OPPOSES RAISING TAXES

City Dreadfully Extravagant in
Salaries and Unnecessary Ex-
penses, Says Minister.

Characterizing Richmond's form of
government as being antiquated, un-
settled, unworkable and out of date,
Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan, D. D., pastor
of the Seventh Street Christian Church,
last night made an impassioned plea
for a civic survey and urged every
one in the congregation to express
himself in municipal government by
paying his taxes and voting.

Dr. MacLachlan said that the fact
that he might be regarded as a for-
eigner would not detract from what
he had to say. Mr. Hirschberg to the
contrary notwithstanding.

The subject of Dr. MacLachlan's per-
son was "Civic Pride and a Lean
Treasury."

"If apology were needed for discuss-
ing this subject from the pulpit," he
said, "it lies in the fact that it is the
topic on every lip. Therefore it is
worthy of attention from the church.
From such a source criticism should be
kindly and considerate. Like Mr.
Cleveland, of the Evening Journal, I am
an alien, but that fact should not
detract anything from what I have to
say. Mr. Hirschberg to the contrary,
notwithstanding."

**CITY'S REVENUE NOT
EQUAL TO ITS EXPENSES**

The pastor reviewed statements
made by Coleman Wortham, president
of the Chamber of Commerce, and by
the press concerning Richmond's finan-
cial progress, and said that he re-
garded the city's financial condition
as far from satisfactory. He said that
the city's revenue was not equal to its
expenses, and that the annual revenue
was insufficient for current expenses,
but that the situation is not one to be
concernedly excited over.

"Before criticizing the City Council
and the Finance Committee," he said,
"it should be remembered that they
have a hard road to travel." He cited
examples of financial liability, and
said that the city's financial condition
was one of the causes of the city's
financial stress. In addition, he went
on, a falling off in the revenues is due
to the loss by the city of rolling stock
assessment, of liquor licenses and of
the merchants' tax.

He said, further, that the city was
overspending itself even before an
election came, and discussing the tax
question in the light of its smallness
in the present stress. He said that Rich-
mond has an extent 2,000 acres less
than any city of its class.

**CITIZENS ARE RESPONSIBLE
FOR MANY EXPENDITURES**

"We, as citizens," he said, "are re-
sponsible for expenditures. I know
something of the pressure that is some-
times brought on the Finance Com-
mittee. I have been before it with
projects favored by myself. We have
got to make up our minds to let the
frills go and to concentrate on neces-
sary improvements. We have got to
cut the budget. We must not now in-
crease the purchase of a municipal
farm, though it is so much needed for
moral improvement and development;
on the establishment of a city library;
on the improvement of Shockoe Creek;
on the construction of a Riverside
drive. I believe it is not now the
time to press for these things. Having
waited so long for them we can wait
a little longer, until we have the sur-
vey. They say that the Juvenile Court
is one of the frills, but we could not
afford to cut it off."

"We have been dreadfully extrava-
gant in salaries," Dr. MacLachlan said,
in discussing what he believed to be
unnecessary expenses. "and I hope it
is not true that the city is about to raise
the wages of its street employees from
\$2.25 to \$2.50 a day. Until the Street
Cleaning Department is removed from
the sphere of politics its actions in
this respect will always be under sus-
picion."

INCREASE IN RENT

"And now, can the city stand an in-
crease in the tax rate? It would mean
a raise in rent, which cannot come
without injury to business. It has
been said that we should have cheap
houses for the wage earner. One was
not to have them is to increase the
tax rate. We need, it is said, more
money for schools. But if we give
them more money now it would mean
an additional expenditure in one di-
rection and a lessening of appropri-
ation in another. It would be robbing
Peter to pay Paul."

"The form of our city government is
the seat of all our trouble. It is anti-
quated, roundabout, unscientific, un-
wisely, as much so as the mind of man
could conceive. Almost any form of
government would be better. We are
spending, not for improvements, but
for the overhead expenses of govern-
ment, money that might as well be
thrown into the James River. The
cost of running the city government
per capita is 78 per cent greater than
in any other city of our class."

**SURVEY IS FIRST
STEP TO ECONOMY**

"The bicameral form of government
is known as a vanishing system. But
the individuals in the government are
not to blame. We, as citizens, are to
blame for allowing such a system to
survive. A survey is the first step to
economy in expenditure and to a cure
of the disease we will keep on doctoring
the symptoms. We must have the survey."

Dr. MacLachlan ridiculed the idea of
having a survey conducted by the
heads of the departments of the mun-
icipal government as a course in itself
inevitable of producing any good.

EDWIN GOULD, JR., IN FATAL ACCIDENT

Instantly Killed While Hunting
With Lone Companion
Near Jekyll Island.

BODY IS ON WAY TO NEW YORK

Discharge of Shot Enters Groin
When Hammer of Gun Catches
on His Clothing.

(By Associated Press.)
BRUNSWICK, Ga., February 25.—
Edwin Gould, Jr., was instantly killed
while hunting with a lone com-
panion on Jekyll Island, near
Jekyll Island, early today. Reports
here from Jekyll Island tonight say
that young Gould was shot while at-
tempting to climb a cypress with the old-
style hammer shotgun that he used in
preference to the new hammerless
guns. The discharge of shot entered
the groin when it was believed the ham-
mer of his gun caught on a part of his
clothing. Death was instantaneous.

The body was brought first to Jekyll
Island, then to Brunswick, and was
started for New York this afternoon
in the private car "Dixie" attached to
a regular train. Edwin Gould, who
was spending this winter on Jekyll Is-
land, was at Brunswick when the ac-
cident to his son occurred. He hurried
to Savannah, where he met the
train bearing the body, and proceeded
with it to New York.

Mr. Gould, who was twenty-three
years of age, went from Jekyll Island
to Latham's Hammock in a canoe last
night. He was accompanied by a
friend, who was also on the island.
When Mr. Gould was shot, he was
on the island, and was proceeding
to Jekyll Island in a canoe and sum-
moned help. On the return Mr. Gould's life-
less body was found. The body was
at once brought to Jekyll Island.

**ENTIRE DISCHARGE TAKES
EFFECT IN HIS GROCIN**

Gould and Reynolds, who had set
out in their canoe about 4 o'clock yes-
terday afternoon, intended to spend
the night on the island. They had
with them a small boat, and a
small fire. Gould was shot while
at the hammock, a Gould canoe pres-
sures, some two miles from Jekyll Is-
land. After walking for some time over the
island, Gould and Reynolds came upon
one of the traps in which a large coon
was struggling, held fast by one foot.
Gould struck the coon across the head
with his gun, holding the barrel in his
hands. It is said, the first blow was
not sufficient, and the hunter struck
again. It was the second blow, ac-
cording to reports here, that was fol-
lowed by the discharge of the gun,
which was loaded with bird shot. The
entire discharge took effect in the
hunter's groin.

Reynolds, who was in a few feet of
where Gould fell, rushed to his side,
but before he could do more than give
temporary aid, the young hunter had
died. Reynolds hastened to the beach
and paddled back to Jekyll Island for
help in bringing the body over. Many
persons here familiar with young
Gould's methods of hunting, said he
was accustomed to carrying his gun
cocked. It was thought that the
weapon must have been discharged
when Gould used it as a club.

**HAD DECIDED TO ENTER
BANKING HOUSE IN FALL**

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, February 25.—Mrs. Ed-
win Gould received a message late to-
day from her husband informing her
that he was bringing home the body
of their son in his private car, and ex-
pected to reach New York some time
tonight.

Edwin Gould, Jr., went to Jekyll Is-
land about a month ago. He was
joined there last week by his father
and Colonel Belton Burr. Mrs. Gould,
who had been detained here by the
illness of her mother, Mrs. George F.
Shady, expected to join the members
of her family at the island within a
few days.

Edwin Gould, Jr., who was twenty-
three years of age, was a grandson of
late Jay Gould. He had been edu-
cated by tutors, and had been prepar-
ing to practice law, but had decided to
enter the service of a banking house
next fall. A younger brother is a
freshman at Yale.

NOT TO ABANDON BLOCKADE

German Foreign Office Makes
Declaration to Brazilian Minister
in Berlin.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, February 25.—Brazilian
Foreign Minister, Dr. J. J. de Oliveira,
declared today that Germany would
not recognize the submarine
blockade, and leave with Germany the
responsibility for all acts from which
Brazilian merchantmen may suffer in
violation of international law, has
declined from Germany a statement that
the blockade will not be abandoned.

It was announced officially that the
German Foreign Office had declared to
the Brazilian minister that Germany
regrets neutral interests should suffer
on account of military measures.
Nevertheless, Germany has reached the
unchangeable determination to main-
tain the submarine blockade, to aban-
don which would involve national an-
nihilation.

In view of the loss of German ships,
the German government has Foreign
office says will suggest diplomatic ne-
gotiations.

SCHUMANN-HEINK BETTER

No Internal Injuries Develop as Re-
sult of Taxicab Accident on
Friday Night.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., February 25.—The
condition of Mrs. Schumann-Heink,
the operatic contralto, who sustained
two broken ribs in a taxicab accident
on Friday night, is slightly improved,
physicians announced tonight. No in-
ternal injuries have developed.

GERMANY REGRETS DUTCH SINKINGS

Change in Sailing Date, Which
Results in Attacks, Caused
by British Admiralty.

WORK OF LONE SUBMARINE

Three Torpedoed Outright, and
Bombs Are Placed on Other
Four and Exploded.

(By Associated Press.)
THE HAGUE, February 25.—The
statement issued yesterday by the Ger-
man legation here to the effect that
the torpedoing of the seven Dutch
merchantmen was due to an extreme-
ly regrettable coincidence of circum-
stances which is unfortunate, but was
beyond our control, contains also an
explanation, made it says, "to prevent
erroneous impressions." It states that
in view of the situation of Dutch ves-
sels in English ports, the sailing time
for these ships was first fixed for Feb-
ruary 5, then for February 6, and then
for midnight of February 11. Finally
"for reasons for which England was to
be blamed," the sailing date was post-
poned to February 22 or March 17.
The only date of sailing for which the
German legation was guaranteed was
March 17, the statement of the Dutch
legation says. The statement also says
that time all German submarines would
have possessed instructions in regard
to these vessels. Even then safety
from mines could not be guaranteed,
ships having been warned on Febru-
ary 6 that the danger zone had been
moved extensively. For the same rea-
sons, the statement says, until March
5, relative security, meaning safety
dependent on good fortune, will apply
to the channel to the west of Denmark
through which Dutch transatlantic
shipping must pass.

**BLAMES BRITISH ADMIRALTY
FOR CAUSING SINKINGS**

LONDON, February 25.—Reuter's
Amsterdam correspondent says the
Berlin Lokal Anzeiger expresses deep
regret over the sinking of the Dutch
vessels by German submarines, but
says the sinkings were due to the
British Admiralty having refused to
permit the departure of the vessels in
accordance with the concessions Ger-
many had made.

The Amsterdam Handelsblad, how-
ever, explains that the German naval
attache at The Hague only communi-
cated the concessions to Dutch ship-
owners three hours previous to the ex-
piration of the time limit, when it was
impossible to get instructions to Eng-
land in time. Therefore, this news-
paper says, Great Britain is blameless.

**ONE SUBMARINE ATTACKED
ALL SEVEN STEAMERS**

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, February 25.—From Dutch
sources the Reuter Telegram Com-
pany learns that it was the submarine
E-2 which attacked all seven Dutch
steamers Thursday. Three were tor-
pedoed outright, while German sailors
boarded the other four and placed
bombs that were exploded. So far as
known, these four vessels did not
sink, but their location has not been
ascertained. It will be necessary to
send the Mendocino, which was towed
into harbor by a British trawler.

The crews of the Dutch vessels
rowed to the Scilly Isles, believing
that all their ships had been sunk.

**LARGE AMOUNT OF FODDER
ON BOARD LOST SHIPS**

(By Associated Press.)
THE HAGUE, February 25 (via Lon-
don).—A large amount of fodder was
on board some of the Dutch merchant-
men torpedoed on Thursday. In con-
sequence, it will be necessary to kill
a large part of Holland's cattle.

Detention at foreign ports of Dutch
vessels laden with Chilean saltpeter
and other fertilizers is causing alarm,
it being feared that this year's har-
vest will be retarded seriously.

**BRITISH STEAMER FALCON
IS REPORTED SUNK**

LONDON, February 25.—Lloyd's re-
ports the British steamer Falcon sunk.
The Central News identifies the
steamer as the Falcon, owned in cap-
ital of 2,243 tons gross and built in
1916. It says the survivors will be
landed Monday.

Lloyd's also reports the sinking of
the British steamship Iser, 2,160 tons
gross.

**FRENCH WAR OFFICE REPORTS
LOSS OF THE DOROTHY**

PARIS, February 25.—A communica-
tion issued tonight by the War Office
says:

"Vessels sunk February 21-25, British
steamer Dorothy, of 3,306 tons
gross."

**SUBMARINES REPORT
ELEVEN VESSELS SUNK**

(By Associated Press.)
AMSTERDAM, February 25 (via Lon-
don).—A Berlin dispatch says sub-
marines which have returned to their
base report that they have sunk eleven
ships, two sailing vessels and eight
trawlers.

**GERMAN SUBMARINE
TO BE INTERVIEWED**

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, February 25.—A dispatch
to Reuter's Telegram Company from
Cologne says the German submarine
U-26, which stranded on the Dutch
East of Walcheren, in the North
Sea, last week, will be disarmed and
interned at Flushing. The crew of the
underwater boat also will be interned.

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT
OF SINKING BY BERLIN**

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, February 24 (via Sayville,
February 25).—An official statement
with reference to the sinking of the
Dutch steamers by a German submarine
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"Bone-Dry" Bill May Be Defeated

Very Man Who Put It in
Post-Office Measure, Fighting
for Its Destruction.

WASHINGTON, February 25.—An
underground, back-handed filibuster in
Congress may defeat the post-office
appropriation bill with its "bone-dry"
provision, barring all liquor from pro-
hibition States. Opponents of the
"bone-dry" proposal, it was stated to-
night, have betrayed a disposition to
delay all legislation and complicate
the already congested condition of
congressional business. With Con-
gress in a legislative tangle, it would
be an easy matter to stall off action
on the post-office bill and allow the
bill to fail, the "bone-dry" amend-
ment dying with the expiring Con-
gress.

Majority Leader Kitchin, of the
House, said tonight that it was ap-
parent that preparations were being
made to fight the "bone-dry" proposal
"by the very men who put it in the
post-office bill."

KING MUST COMPLY

Only When He Satisfies Allies Will
Blockade of Greece Be
Lifted.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, February 25.—Definite an-
nouncement was made here today that
the blockade of Greece will be lifted
when King Constantine gives complete
satisfaction to the demands of the en-
tire allies.

**ALLIED PRESS ACCOUNTS
DECLARED MISLEADING**

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, February 25.—The
Greek legation here made public to-
night a cablegram from the Athens
Foreign Office describing as false and
misleading accounts appearing in the
allied press of the landing of allied
troops at Athens in December, and the
events and negotiations which pre-
ceded it. The message said it was un-
true that any promise had been given
Admiral du Pourcet in regard to com-
pensation for material yielded to the
Bulgars; that the documents in the so-
called session of Fort Rupel were for-
gotten; that the Greek King did not re-
fuse to guarantee that the city would be
kept in the streets; that the city was
quiet in the streets; that the allied
troops landed with orders to take pos-
session of commanding heights, and that
the Greeks did not open fire first in the
clash that followed. It also asserted
that no shot was fired upon the legations,
and that order was re-established after
the arrest by the police of 200 individuals,
since released on the insistence of the
allies.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED

Double Wreck on Pennsylvania Rail-
road Result in Heavy Loss of
Life and Property.

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, February 25.—
Four persons were killed and three
injured, two seriously, in a double
wreck on the New York division of
the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Hris-
tol, Pa., early today. All of the
victims, with the exception of J. R.
King, an engineer, were attendants in
charge of two cars of thoroughbred
horses being shipped from Center Hall
and Williamsport, Pa. Seven of the
horses were killed. The wreckage
caught fire and many freight and ex-
press cars were destroyed. All four
passenger cars were destroyed. Four
trucks were blocked for twelve hours.
Ten cars of a westbound freight
train were derailed and strewn along
the adjoining tracks, when an ap-
proaching east bound train, consisting
entirely of express cars, crashed into
the wreckage.

CAMAQUEY FALLS

Cuban Rebels Flee After Offering
Slight Resistance to Govern-
ment Forces.

HAVANA, February 25.—Govern-
ment troops have captured Camaguey.
It is announced officially. The rebels
fled after offering slight resistance.
It is reported from Santa Clara that
heavy fighting at Loma del Cirilo re-
sulted in the defeat of rebel forces un-
der Gerardo Machado and Sanchez de
Porta. The battle lasted less than an
hour. The rebels lost fifteen killed
and 118 wounded. Del Porta is re-
ported to have been wounded. He was
the liberal candidate for the govern-
ment of Santa Clara.

The government troops lost one kil-
ed and seven were wounded.

Colonel Betancourt, with about 1,500
men, is marching on Santiago.

JAPAN ASSISTS MEXICO

Sends Shipment of Cartridge-Making
Machinery and 200 Experts to
Operate It.

(By Associated Press.)
MEXICO CITY, February 25.—The
cartridge-making machinery purchased
from Japan has been unloaded at Man-
zanillo from the steamer Kotchiki
Maru and will soon be put in opera-
tion. Two hundred Japanese experts
accompanied the shipments in order to
set up the machinery and operate it.
It is believed that the government
shortly will purchase machinery for
the manufacture of artillery ammu-
nition.

INVITED TO CONFERENCE

Neutral Ambassadors and Ministers
Are Called Together at Berlin
Foreign Office.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, February 25.—The German
Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg,
is reported by the Exchange Tele-
graph to have invited the ambassadors
and ministers of neutral countries to a con-
ference yesterday at the Foreign Of-
fice in which Foreign Secretary Zim-
mermann took part.

THEIR LAST FRESH BREAD

Only State Article on Sale in Paris in
Future, Due to New Govern-
ment Regulation.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, February 25.—Diners in
Paris restaurants were served last
night with fancy bread fresh from
the ovens—the last they will get in
all probability for a long time. To-
day only stale wholemeal bread was
on sale, and bakers, in accordance with
the new government regulation, which will
prohibit nightwork in bakeries.

GERMANS RETIRE TO NEW POSITIONS IN WESTERN FIELD

Movement in Past Forty-
Eight Hours Greatest of
Last Two Years.

**AT SOME POINTS REACHES
DEPTH OF THREE MILES**

British Sweep Into Possession of
Pys, Miraumont and Petit
Maraumont.

SOON MAY CAPTURE BAPAUME

Advance All Along Line Meets Only
With Sniping Resistance
Here and There.

(From the Staff Correspondent of the
Associated Press.)

**BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN
FRANCE, February 25 (via London,
February 26).—On one portion of the
British front at least, the war today
became a war of movement. Under
cover of fog and mist, which have
been particularly heavy in the past
forty-eight hours, the Germans car-
ried out the greatest retirement they
have made on the western front in the
last two years, and the British have
swept into possession of Pys, Serre,
Miraumont and Petit Maraumont, in-
cluding the famous Butte de Warlens,
which has been the scene of some of
the fiercest fighting of the war, and in
places is deep with the bones of dead
men.**

The exact extent of the German re-
tirement is not known to-night, but
it is estimated that it approaches a
depth of three miles at some points.
British patrols are out in all direc-
tions, harassing the Germans and
keeping in touch with their move-
ments. Until they report it will not
be possible to say just where the Ger-
mans have determined to fix their next
line of resistance.

**SOON IN POSITION TO FORCE
EVACUATION OF BAPAUME**

Nevertheless, it can be stated that
the British now are or soon will be
in position to force the evacua-
tion of Bapaume, which has been
the key to the German position since
the beginning of the battle of the
Somme. The points which already have
fallen into the British hands have
stood out in the history of the fight-
ing on this front, and had been most
stubbornly defended. Only a week ago
when the British attacked on a two-
mile front east and south of Miraumont
and Pys, the German resistance was
bitter and the high ground desired
was won only after desperate hand-to-
hand encounters and the taking of
more than 800 German prisoners.

The British had been waiting for a
clearing of the foggy weather before
pressing the advance, but meantime, it
is apparent that the German high com-
mand decided to retire without any
realizing the strong positions
prepared well to the rear. Friday
night fires were observed on the Ger-
man front-line trenches. They were
only dimly visible through the thick
mist of the particularly black night,
but it was discovered that the flames
issued from burning German dugouts.
Patrols sent forward reported the